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## Ransom County Opioid Settlement Allocation Plan

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Ransom County Public Health has been providing prevention services to rural communities in response to the opioid crisis since 2019. As part of our commitment to addressing the opioid crisis in our rural community, we have developed a comprehensive plan for the utilization of the opioid settlement funds allocated to Ransom County.

At Ransom County Public Health, we provide education to all individuals in our rural communities. We continue to raise awareness on who may be at high risk of an overdose, provide trainings to personnel on how to recognize signs of an overdose, and continue to increase access to naloxone within Ransom County. Ransom County Public Health is collaborating with the Ransom County Commissioners to sustain opioid crisis prevention efforts within our rural communities by:

1. Continue Naloxone education and distribution.
2. Provide and support education to youth to discourage use:
  - a. Funding for evidence-based prevention programs in schools.
3. Continue building relationships and collaborative work environments with county pharmacies, law enforcement, fire departments, medical facilities, EMS partners, and other community-based services.
4. Fund staff training or networking programs and services to improve the capacity to decrease opioid crisis.

Opioid Settlement Funds are intended to be used if SOR funding has been decreased and unable to sustain our opioid overdose prevention efforts. Ransom County Public Health and the Ransom County Commissioners are committed to the use of these funds, to address areas of need, related to the opioid crisis within Ransom County. This plan may be adjusted to meet changing needs.